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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Austria is making secret preparations for a war with Serbia.

A Mexican at Guadalajara has just celebrated his 139th birthday.

Women suffragist leaders are preparing to again storm parliament.

Chicago business men have protested to congress against a duty on coffee.

State wide prohibition in South Carolina has been defeated by four votes.

A San Francisco woman has secured \$7,000 damages for seven hours' false imprisonment.

The Maya Indians, of Mexico, are causing trouble and troops have been ordered to the scene.

Rocks in the Santa Barbara channel which were formerly 40 feet above the water have sunk until they will prove a menace to navigation.

During the last half of 1908 the Denver & Rio Grande railroad earnings showed a decrease of \$500,000 as compared with the same period of 1907.

Farmers and others interested have started another suit in an effort to stop the smoke nuisance from Montana smelters, which is killing vegetation.

The fact that Roosevelt will spend 11 days in Italy has caused on his way to Africa has caused a stir in Rome, and preparations are being hurried for a reception.

The Mexican volcano of Colima is spreading devastation.

Buchanan has signed a treaty with Venezuela settling all disputes.

The Japanese legislature will take up the Montana exclusion question.

Cleveland shippers say competition between the Harriman line is a farce.

The order of Elks has asked congress to protect Wyoming elk from starvation.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company will fight the Standard in the Missouri courts.

Harriman has started on a tour of the South and West to inspect his railroads.

Taft says the president and governors should work together for the good of the country.

A big reception is planned when the fleet arrives home from its voyage around the world.

Prominent Canadians also favor the exclusion of Japs from schools attended by white children.

A preacher in Wyoming stopped a train to get the crew to act as witnesses at a wedding.

Protracted drought in parts of Texas have driven cattlemen to extremes to procure food for their stock.

Russia has violated the Portsmouth treaty and the United States and Great Britain may protest jointly.

Eastern wool buyers have formed a combine.

Several persons have been killed in Mexican riots against landlord rule.

A jury has been secured in the bribery case against Calhoun in San Francisco.

A tornado in Delaware and Pennsylvania killed two persons and destroyed many buildings.

California fruit raisers failed to get the increased rates on dried and canned fruit rescinded.

Taft's engineers say that a sea-level canal is out of the question, as the cost would be incalculable.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, says 2,000,000 men are now out of employment in the United States.

New Orleans is preparing a great welcome for the Taft party, the principal feature of which will be a typical Southern banquet prepared by Creole cooks.

A Chicago firm has been awarded a contract to supply the British army with corned beef for a period of three years. The first delivery, between 500,000 and 1,000,000 pounds, will be made next July.

As a result of a search he has been making in the Interior department, Representative Hawley has discovered that the Corvallis & Yaquina wagon road bill, recently introduced in the house, contains a joker which would operate to defraud the government out of several thousand acres of valuable land in Oregon.

Many more prominent men have been indicted for Oklahoma land frauds.

A terrible blizzard is raging over the entire country east of the Rocky mountains.

France and Germany have signed a treaty of peace regarding Moroccan affairs.

Mutual pledges of peace and good will were exchanged between King Edward and Emperor William at their banquet in Berlin.

Certain senators have revived the cry for a sea-level Panama canal.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad crossting plant, located four miles from Greenville, Texas. The loss is estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Mrs. Ruth May Swift-Evers, of Chicago, who was left a fortune of \$5,000,000 by her father, the late Gustavus Swift, was granted a divorce from her husband, Ernest H. Evers, by Judge Gibbons.

WORKS ON CABINET

Taft Says Most of His Advisers Have Been Tentatively Solicited.

Washington, Feb. 16.—As soon as President-elect Taft finds a suitable man for secretary of war, his cabinet will be complete; that is, tentatively complete. It will be subject to change any time before the 4th of March, if conditions arise which, in the opinion of Mr. Taft, justify modification.

But it can be said on the authority of one of Mr. Taft's closest advisers, that eight of the nine cabinet officers have been conditionally chosen, and seven out of the eight have signified their willingness to enter the cabinet if the formal tender is made.

It should also be said that, aside from the state and postoffice portfolios, none of the cabinet offices have as yet been finally and formally disposed of, and the incoming president can, without the slightest breach of good faith, make any changes in his present programme which to him seem proper.

The selections so far are:

Secretary of State—Philander C. Knox, Pennsylvania.

Secretary of the Treasury—George M. Reynolds, Illinois, or some other Illinois man.

Attorney General—George W. Wickes, New York.

Postmaster General—Frank H. Hitchcock, Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Navy—George von L. Meyer, Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior—Richard A. Ballinger, Washington.

Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, Iowa.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Charles Nagel, Missouri.

NIAGARA FALLS DRY.

Ice Piles Up on American Side and Two Men Cross on Rocks.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Only a tiny rivulet, not deep or swift enough to carry a pulp log over the brink, is flowing over the American side of Niagara Falls. A strong northeast wind which has blown since Friday, has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a foothold. Two employees of the American reservation walked from Prospect Point nearly to Bath Island this morning.

A great wall of ice runs from the head of Goat island to the American mainland, through which only tiny streams are able to trickle. This wall has even encroached on the Canadian channel, extending out some 200 feet beyond the Third Sister island and greatly diminishing the flow over the Horseshoe. Only the very apex of the Canadian falls is left, and that is robbed of half of its flow. The gorge below is choked and the rapids have lost their fury, while the whirlpool is barely in motion.

This is only the third time that this combination of wind and ice has thus affected the falls since the white man came here. The other occasions were on March 29, 1848, and on March 22, 1903.

ITALY THANKS AMERICA.

Grateful for Aid Rendered to Earthquake Sufferers.

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—"My government has many things for which to thank the people of America since the earthquake in Southern Italy," said Baron de Planches, the Italian ambassador at Washington, in an interview today.

"Besides the great monetary assistance and the sympathy we have received, we are grateful for the scientific information which we have received and the valuable hints which have been given us by the United States geological survey. This information will be of more lasting benefit to Italy than even the great sums of money that have been sent to our people."

Messina was going to rebuild, he said, but profiting by the lessons of the San Francisco disaster, it would be done on different lines.

Wheat Men in Combine.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 16.—Organization of the Winter Wheatgrowers' association of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma was completed Saturday at the close of a three days' mass meeting of farmers of the three states. The purpose is to control the price of winter wheat. About 200 farmers signed a pledge agreeing not to sell their next year's crop for less than the price to be fixed at a delegate convention, except after 30 days' notice to the directors and failure to get the agreed price. A fund of \$500 was raised to push the work of organization.

"Deadhead" Liberty Bell.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—The Interstate Commerce commission has granted a permit for the free transportation of the Liberty bell and a guard of Philadelphia policemen to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, Wash., and it is probable the famous old relic will be taken to the far West this summer. Mayor Reyburn has received a number of petitions from several Pacific coast cities requesting that the bell be sent West and will recommend to the city council that the request be granted.

Down With All Trusts.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 16.—The most sweeping anti-trust law ever drafted in Iowa will be introduced in the house today. Its purpose is to stamp out the grocers' trust, the coal dealers' and the ice trusts, and even the doctors' trust. The latter are charged with fixing excessive prices. Imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year, nor for more than ten years, is provided for persons convicted of violating the law.

Storms in Middle West.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A heavy fall of sleet and snow, driven by a high wind, interfered with transportation and seriously interrupted wire communication over a large portion of the Lake Michigan district today. The storm was general through the central West, Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana, Missouri and Kansas had little communication with the outside world by wire tonight.

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 16.

Salem, Feb. 16.—Appropriations for \$318,000 passed in the house today, and for \$100,000 in the senate. Yesterday the total in the house was \$1,739,000 and in the senate \$726,000.

The house tonight reconsidered the vote by which the \$25,000 appropriation for the Alaska-Yukon exposition was defeated and passed the appropriation. At a late hour the house also considered and passed the \$200,000 appropriation for an Eastern Oregon asylum.

Appropriations for about \$1,000,000 more have passed one or both houses, and continuing appropriations of past sessions amount to \$500,000 additional, with allowances made for items in this session's budget. These figures show that the state expenditures for the next two years may exceed \$4,000,000, and will probably not fall short of that figure.

The senate today voted \$20,000 for buildings and grounds for a tubercular sanitarium; provided for a third judge in the Second judicial circuit; passed the Columbia river pilotage bill; put to a vote of the people the question of number and location of normal schools, and provided \$10,000 for a bridge across the Snake river at Ontario.

The house killed Orton's bank guarantee bill; authorized counties to levy not to exceed a 1/4-mill tax for advertising purposes; appropriated \$50,000 for Indian war survivors, and voted \$210,000 to the agricultural college.

Both houses will adjourn sine die Saturday and night sessions are being held in an effort to get all pending bills disposed of before that time.

Monday, February 15.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The house today passed the general appropriation bill for 1909-10. The deficiency appropriation bill was also passed and \$75,000 for extension of the state portage railway. A great many other measures got through, but for the most part they were of local character.

The senate was in a slaying mood and killed 13 bills. Some of them were important and on less strenuous days would have provoked hours of debate.

The senate also passed the bill increasing the state fair appropriation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year.

In the afternoon both houses and many pioneers of the state united in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the admission of this state to the Union. The exercises were held in the hall of representatives and many prominent men spoke.

At a session tonight the senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for one normal school at Portland, as opposed to the bills passed by the house for \$318,000 for three normals; cut down the agricultural college maintenance appropriation and voted down a bill for a new \$60,000 agricultural college at Union.

The appropriation bills passed by the house amounted to \$1,727,000, cutting the bills only \$2,440.

Saturday, February 13.

Salem, Feb. 13.—By a vote of 8 to 18, the senate this afternoon refused to kill Senator Norton's bill requiring long distance telephone companies to connect their lines with local telephone lines.

Senator Johnson's road bill, over which a big fight was expected passed without much opposition, the objectionable features having been eliminated.

The bill appropriating \$20,000 for maintenance of the Union experiment station was passed.

The senate passed the bill carrying an appropriation of \$10,000 for the employment of a master fire warden for two years.

Salem, Feb. 13.—Beals' bill imposing a state license of \$5 on billiard and pool rooms was killed in the house last night by indefinite postponement, on motion of Campbell of Clackamas.

Friday, February 12.

Salem, Feb. 12.—After being amended so as to apply to the whole state, Representative Davis' bill permitting ten-round boxing contests for points was killed in the house tonight. There were only 20 votes in its favor.

"A. B. C." members of the house tonight killed by indefinite postponement Representative Smith's two bills amending the direct primary law and requiring that arrangement of candidates' names on the primary nominating and general election ballots be determined by drawing lots.

The house today adopted the senate resolution proposing submission to the people of the constitutional amendment increasing the Supreme court from three to five members and giving the Supreme court original jurisdiction over habeas corpus proceedings.

Representative Purdin's bill appropriating \$100,000 towards the construction of a wagon road from Medford, via Crater lake, to Klamath Falls passed the house this afternoon, with 18 votes against it.

For the purchase of the Oregon City locks by the state and the national

Must Run Through Town.

Milwaukee.—A representative of the Southern Pacific appeared before the Milwaukee city council at its meeting Tuesday night, and submitted for inspection a blueprint of the route of the proposed new line through Milwaukee to the site of the new bridge to be built across the Willamette river near Oswego. It was the first definite step toward obtaining a franchise through the town, for, though the company had an ordinance, tentatively, for a franchise, no action had been taken.

Red Man Looked Like White.

Salem—Warren Davis, formerly a bartender here, has been arrested by a deputy United States marshal and taken to Portland. He is charged with selling liquor to an Indian from the Chemawa school. Davis contends that he has no recollection of selling to an Indian, and as it is understood the red man in question is so nearly white it would be difficult to pick him from a Caucasian, his contention is considered good.

government, the senate tonight passed the substitute bill introduced by the ways and means committee of Peik, providing for raising \$100,000 in each of three years so soon as congress shall appropriate \$300,000 for the joint fund. The \$100,000 raised under the old law will be turned into the general fund; likewise the \$100,000 that will be raised this year. Barrett of Washington voted no.

The recorder of conveyances in Washington county bumped up against executive veto this morning and will probably fail to get a raise in salary. The bill was introduced by the Washington county senators, Barrett and Wood. In vetoing it the governor gave the same reasons as set forth in previous veto messages—that the recorder took the office knowing what his compensation would be, and that the salary should not be raised or lowered during his term.

Thursday, February 11.

Salem, Feb. 11.—Discovery by Representative Calkins of a "joker" in substitute house bill 167, providing for precinct elections on the subject of whether or not beer, as distinguished from whiskey and other liquors, should be sold in those precincts, resulted in the disastrous defeat of that bill in the house this afternoon. Following the exposure by Calkins, McDonald and Patton, members of the committee on alcoholic traffic, who reported the bill favorably, and McCue and Brady, champions of the bill on the floor of the house, voted against its indefinite postponement. Only four representatives voted against substituting the unfavorable for the favorable report on the measure. They were Bones, Hatteberg, Meek and Philpott.

Waving aside all question of constitutionality and insisting that the emergency clause should be retained, the house this morning passed Senator Hart's bill, providing for two additional justices of the Oregon Supreme court to replace the two commissioners who have been serving in that capacity for the last two years.

The two additional justices are to receive an annual salary of \$4,500 and are to be appointed by Governor Chamberlain to serve until November, 1910, when their successors will be elected. With the appointing power vested in the governor, the seven Democrats in the house voted solidly for the bill.

The house tonight adopted the majority report of the judiciary committee, recommending the passage of Bowerman's bill providing for the transfer of circuit court judges from one district to another to relieve congested condition of courts. The original vote was 24 to 31.

The senate held an evening session tonight and passed 18 bills, thus clearing the decks of all accumulated work.

Among the important bills passed were the fishery bill agreed upon between the state of Oregon and Washington, the new military code, the revised game law, the Kay bill providing bounties on cougars, timber wolves and wildcats, and the bill regulating the sale of concentrated stock foods.

Wednesday, February 10.

Salem, Feb. 10.—Advocates of three normal schools won the opening skirmish in the normal school fight in the house today. By a vote of 28 to 21 the bill recommended by the committee on ways and means and carrying an appropriation of \$115,000 for one normal school at Monmouth, was rejected. At the same time the house re-referred the bill to that committee with instructions to make provision for the three schools at Weston, Ashland and Monmouth.

For protection of forests through a fire warden, the state board of forestry is urging passage of Representative Abbott's bill, No. 226, enlarging the powers of the board and appropriating \$15,000 therefor.

After being defeated with only 26 votes in its favor, the substitute eight-hour bill, fathered by the Clackamas county delegation, was reconsidered in the house this afternoon and passed by a vote of 40 to 19, one absent. The substitute bill is much less stringent than the original and provides that laborers in all manufacturing institutions shall be allowed at least 20 minutes every six hours in which to eat.

Abbott's bill, amending the direct primary law to prevent the members of one political party from participating in the primary nominating election of another party, passed the house this afternoon. There were 41 ayes and 16 noes. Democrats voted no.

The Monmouth county bill increasing the number of circuit judges from four to five has passed both houses and will go to the governor tomorrow. It will be signed by the governor, and immediately the governor will appoint his private secretary, W. N. Gates, to fill the new judgeship. The bill was passed with this understanding, it having been announced from the governor's office several days ago that if the bill should pass, this appointment would be made.

Seek New Mail Service.

Washington—Representative Hawley is urging the Postoffice department to install mail service on the new electric line between Portland and Salem. He says that not only will such service be quicker than at present between the two cities, but will improve the service on rural routes all along the line between both cities. The department is looking into the matter, but it is not yet ready to announce its decision. Hereafter, at Mr. Hawley's request, Amity will receive two mails daily from Portland instead of one.

New Industry for Albany.

Albany—Negotiations are nearly complete for the sale of the old furniture factory in this city to Portland and Tacoma manufacturers, who will enlarge the plant and put it in active operation at once. The prospective purchasers filed articles of incorporation for the Union Furniture Manufacturing company, under which name the plant will be operated. The incorporators are A. H. Sandstrom, D. E. Sprague and George Sandstrom.

SAYS CANAL WILL HAVE LOCKS

Work to Continue as Begun and Finished in 1915.

New Orleans, Feb. 12.—President-elect W. H. Taft landed here shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Panama and was enthusiastically received. He will be the city's guest until Saturday morning. Mr. Taft made a brief speech this afternoon, heartily approving the lock type of canal across the isthmus.

Tomorrow he will address the negro Y. M. C. A. and at night he will be the guest of honor at an elaborate banquet. Mr. Taft received by wireless telegraph yesterday the news of the constitutional question raised against the appointment of Senator Knox as secretary of state. He was somewhat disturbed over the situation last night, but early today he received the news of the disposition of congress to amend the cabinet salary law. He was inclined to take this as a happy solution of the difficulty.

On the trip from Panama, Mr. Taft made the first draft of his inaugural address. This he intends to submit to certain friends in Washington next week.

In his address here today, Mr. Taft made what he said was his summing up of his trip.

"I am here on my way from a great constructive work," he said, "the greatest entered into by any nation during the present two centuries, and I am glad to say to you that the work is going on as you would have it go on, that on the first of January, 1915, at least, if not before—and I am very much interested in having it within the next four years—that canal will be completed. And when that time comes you will see floating down this river your great commerce, bound through those straits to the west coast of South America, to the Orient and to Australia."

"The board of engineers have examined the whole work and they say it is good; that it shall go on as it has gone on; that the organization of the isthmus, the American push and the good feeling that there exists commends itself to them as men who understand great works of that class and convince them that the canal is now an immediate prospect."

BREEDING PLACE OF STORMS

Rocky Mountain Plain to Blame for Latest Blizzards.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—At last the trouble-maker in things meteorological has been run to earth. The secret men of the United States weather bureau have put their fingers on the capital offender for the major portion of the squalls, gales, hurricanes, drizzles, deluges, blasts and blizzards that afflict mankind.

The Rocky mountain plateau is the guilty party, according to Professor Willis L. Moore, chief of the government weather forces, who is in town this morning for a three days' visit. His arrival was made signal by the declaration that the long distance weather forecast is a success, and that the weather office has proved its ability to detect approaching storm areas more than a week in advance.

As an instance, Professor Moore cited the cold snap, preceded and accompanied by much moisture and vigorous air currents, that has just passed over this city on its way to New England. When that storm was discovered, having just assumed malignant proportions, it was located in Eastern Asia, but its baggage was checked right through.

Across Land and Ocean.

New York, Feb. 12.—A bit of wireless news from the American fleet reached here tonight. It came from the battleship New Hampshire somewhere in southern waters and was probably flashed to that ship through American warships in the Caribbean sea and the Key West station.

The dispatch referred to the American Pacific squadron, which left Callao, Peru, yesterday for Panama. The dispatch is as follows:

"Position of squadron 8 p. m., February 11, latitude 62.27; longitude 71.47. All well."

Woolbuyers in Combine.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 12.—Though often accused before, the Eastern wool buyers are coming into the local field for the first time, with an openly acknowledged organization. It is denied by the buyers, however, that the organization is formed for the purpose of in any way attempting to control the price, declaring the individual buyers will be free to bid any price they may see fit. They say the movement is merely to give them an organization to deal with the organized sheep men in arranging the sales dates and other similar matters.

Ordered to Wed Indian.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 12.—Thomas Hamby, convicted in the Federal court here today on a bigamy charge, was not only fined \$100 and sent to jail for six months, but also sentenced to marry an Indian woman. Hamby's first wife, learning of his marriage to pretty Mary Labrecht, a Blackfoot maiden, secured his indictment and a legal separation for herself. Because of the first marriage the second was declared void. Judge Hunt instructed the marshal to see that the order was carried out immediately.

Students Shun Principal.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 12.—The citizens of Stockton were greatly surprised this morning on passing through the streets to find the fences, billboards and walls plastered with a large poster, grilling Principal E. B. Wooten, of the high school. It was an imitation of a theatrical poster, and instead of using his correct name as star of the show, he was billed as "Hank W. Wooten," starring in "The Star of the High School" in three weeks' engagement.

Tornado Causes Death.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—A ten-minute wind storm of almost tornado proportions struck the upper part of Delaware and Southeastern Pennsylvania this afternoon, causing the death of one man and a child and doing much damage in the narrow path it made through the two states.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Oregon Leads in Wool.

Pendleton—With an average fleece of 8 1/2 pounds, Oregon sheep last year sheared more wool to the sheep than those of any other state in the Union with the single exception of Washington. Those in the neighboring state on the north made an average of 8 1/2 pounds. In no other state was there an average of more than 8 pounds, while the average for the whole United States was only 7 1-10 pounds.

Cement Blocks in Albany.

Albany—The Albany Trading and Block Cement company was incorporated by articles filed in the county clerk's office here. The company plans to manufacture cement blocks and brick in this city, as well as conduct a warehouse and do a general commission business. The incorporators are W. H. Stover, John F. Morrison, W. D. McKinnon and Robert Ferguson. The capital stock is \$10,000. All of these men came to Albany recently from North Dakota and will make their homes on the coast.

English Duty Hits Oregon.

Salem—Some local hop dealers are talking of taking measures to aid in combating an agitation which has again started in England to place a 40-shilling duty on hops. It is claimed by certain local dealers that this duty will practically kill the industry in this country among hop dealers. It is said England practically uses up the surplus of American hops. It is believed that English brewers will assist in fighting the increase.

Cold Eradicates Mange.

Pendleton—According to the report of Dr. H. E. Pinkerton, of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, mange, the scourge of horsemen, was almost eradicated from the reservation by the snow storm of last month. Between 300 and 400 Indian ponies died as a result of the storm and practically all of the diseased animals were among this number.

Sawmills All Running.

Cottage Grove—Every sawmill in this locality is running at full capacity and many expect to put on night shifts to supply the urgent demand for lumber. Business in every line is opening up beyond all expectations. A number of new dwellings are planned and their construction will start as soon as the weather will permit.

Few Peach Buds Frozen.

Pendleton—Unusually cold orchardists are counting on full crops of all kinds of fruit this season, with the possible exception of peaches. A few reports of frozen peach buds have been made, but the consensus of opinion is that little or no damage was suffered as the result of the cold weather last month.

First Year Prosperous.

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